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An Inquiry into Australia's Head of State Arrangements

On the occasion of His Majesty King Charles III's Birthday, 2025

Commissioner: The Right Honorable Simon Cole, BBS., Ass.Dip. Comm Admin., Grad Dip Ed., Master Sc. Ed.

(Answers at <https://equanimity.blog/australian-constitutional-monarchy/>)

1. Nomination of the Governor-General and State Governors is a bi-partisan choice by the Head of government and Opposition leader.

True or False?

2. State Governors are appointed by the Governor-General.

3. The Governor-General is always chosen from among former or serving State Governors.

8. Each State would not need to hold a referendum to transfer the power of appointment of Governors from His Majesty to the Australian Head of State.

9. A high degree of confidence in a new Head of State system would be needed in all the States to sever all Australian ties with King Charles III.

What do YOU think?

4. If the U.K. suddenly abolished its monarchy, Australia would be in a constitutional crisis.

5. Could a federal referendum empower federal parliament to replace the King with an Australian Head of State?

6. Could federal parliament empower that Head of State to appoint State Governors?

7. Would a federal referendum be needed to decide how that Head of State is appointed?

10. Could a family emerge as a potential Australian dynasty through the convention of bi-partisan nomination of Governors and Governors-General?

11. Could the referendum to decide how the Head of State is appointed approve establishment of an Australian monarchy?

12. Australian Prime Ministers who are avowed republicans usually go weak at the knees upon meeting His Majesty and are so charmed that they put off any plans for a republic.

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Answer Sheet

The Questions Sheet is handed out early in the event – they have an hour to do it. They can talk to each other and use the Internet to research. The object is to discuss and learn. The Quiz Master then provides the answers and everyone self-checks. The winner gets an orb and sceptre and made King or Queen of Australia. If there is more than one winner, or a tie, a plebiscite is held to choose from among them.

1. False. The Premiers and PM of the day decide on their own (with their cabinet).
2. False, but Territory Administrators are.
3. False, but 3 of the last 5 Governors-General have been.
4. True. Would Mr Charlie Windsor become Charles I of Australia and emigrate out here?
5. True, in fact only a referendum could achieve that.
6. False. The States decide that on their own. A federal referendum would make this possible, but each state would need a referendum to amend their constitutions as well.
7. True, in fact only a referendum could achieve that.
8. False, each state **would** need to hold a referendum to transfer that power to the Commonwealth Head of State.
9. True, for both a federal referendum to succeed and for all the states to approve their own referendums to sever ties with King Charles.
10. True, but it would take quite some time.
11. True. If there were several leading families to choose from, a plebiscite would be needed.
12. True, of course.

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